

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 2 1. A single layered printed fabric for applying a printed fabric
3 pattern to an object, the printed fabric having a predetermined shape corresponding
4 to the printed fabric pattern, the printed fabric comprising:
5 first and second portions being disposed adjacent each other;
6 a third portion printed on the first and second portions, the third
7 portion representing a simulated stitch attaching the first portion to the second
8 portion; and
9 a fourth portion printed on the first portion, the fourth portion
10 representing a simulated stitch hole to simulate an appearance of a hole through
11 which the stitch extends to simulate an appearance that the first portion is a top layer
12 stitched onto the second portion which is a bottom layer.
- 1 2. The applique of claim 1 wherein the first portion has an upper
2 stitch portion.
- 1 3. The applique of claim 2 wherein the second portion has a
2 lower stitch portion adjacent the upper stitch portion.
- 1 4. The applique of claim 3 wherein the third portion is printed
2 on the upper and lower stitch portions to simulate the appearance of stitching.
- 1 5. The applique of claim 3 wherein the first portion includes an
2 outer periphery to define a outer shape of the first portion, the upper stitch portion
3 being adjacent the outer periphery of the first portion.
- 1 6. The applique of claim 1 wherein the third portion represents
2 a simulated plurality of stitches to simulate an appearance of stitching the top layer
3 to the bottom layer.

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1 7. The applique of claim 6 wherein the fourth portion represents
2 a simulated plurality of stitch holes to simulate the appearance of holes through
3 which the simulated plurality of stitches are disposed.

1 8. The applique of claim 3 wherein the first portion includes an
2 inner periphery to define an inner shape of the first portion, the upper stitch portion
3 being adjacent the inner periphery of the first portion.

1 9. The applique of claim 1 wherein the fabric has top and bottom
2 sides, the portions being printed on the top side, the bottom side having adhesive
3 disposed thereon to apply the applique on the object.

1 10. The applique of claim 9 wherein the adhesive is heat sensitive.

1 11. The applique of claim 9 wherein the adhesive is pressure
2 sensitive.

1 12. The applique of claim 1 wherein the first portion has a first
2 pigment and the second portion has a second pigment.

1 13. The applique of claim 12 wherein the third portion has a third
2 pigment.

1 14. The applique of claim 13 wherein the third pigment is a shade
2 of one of the first and second pigments.

1 15. The applique of claim 12 wherein the fourth portion has a
2 fourth pigment.

1 16. The applique of claim 15 wherein the fourth pigment is a
2 shade of one of the first and second pigments.

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1 17. The applique of claim 1 wherein the first portion includes a
2 plurality of separate printed areas.

1 18. The applique of claim 1 wherein the second path includes a
2 plurality of separate printed areas.

1 19. A method of making an applique for applying a printed fabric
2 pattern to an object, the method comprising:
3 providing an unprinted substrate for printing a design thereon;
4 cutting the unprinted substrate to form a predetermined shape
5 corresponding to the fabric pattern and to form a registration hole on the substrate;
6 printing the fabric pattern on the unprinted substrate having the
7 predetermined shape to define a printed substrate having the printed fabric pattern;
8 and
9 drying the printed substrate at a predetermined temperature and time
10 period.

1 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the substrate is a laminate
2 having a fabric layer for printing the fabric pattern thereon, a release layer, and an
3 adhesive layer disposed between the fabric layer and the release layer.

1 21. The method of claim 20 wherein the step of cutting includes
2 kiss-cutting the laminate to cut only the fabric layer and the adhesive layer of the
3 laminate.

1 22. The method of claim 19 wherein the step of cutting includes
2 cutting the substrate to form a plurality of registration holes on the substrate.

1 23. The method of claim 19 wherein the predetermined
2 temperature is between about 400 to 450 degrees Fahrenheit and the time period is
3 about 10-25 seconds.

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1 24. The method of claim 19 wherein the predetermined
2 temperature and time period is a temperature and time period which shrinks the
3 printed substrate.

1 25. The method of claims 20 wherein the step of printing includes:
2 printing a first portion on the fabric layer to form a simulated top
3 layer, the first portion having an upper stitch portion;
4 printing a second portion adjacent the first portion on the fabric layer
5 to form a simulated bottom layer, the second portion having a lower stitch portion
6 adjacent the upper stitch portion;
7 printing a third portion on the upper and lower stitch portion to form
8 a simulated stitch attaching the top layer to the bottom layer; and
9 printing a fourth portion on the upper stitch portion to simulate a
10 stitch hole to simulate an appearance of a hole through which the stitch is disposed
11 to simulate an appearance of the top layer being stitched to the bottom layer.

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